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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (LINE 16 OF PRESIDENTS MSG TO ASSAD GARBLED
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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINS, US, SY
SUBJECT: MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT CARTER TO PRESIDENT ASSAD

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER FROM PRESIDENT CARTER,
DATED JULY 21, TO PRESIDENT ASSAD:

QUOTE: AMBASSADOR MURPHY HAS ADVISED ME OF YOUR RECENT
DECISION TO ALLOW SOME OF SYRIA'S JEWISH CITIZENS TO
COME TO THE UNITED STATES TO JOIN THEIR HUSBANDS AND
FOR PURPOSES OF EDUCATION. I AM PLEASED THAT THIS CAN BE
DONE IN FULL ACCORD WITH SYRIAN LAW AND SYRIAN TRADITIONS.
ABOVE ALL, I WARMLY APPRECIATE YOUR DEEP HUMANITARIAN
INTEREST IN THIS ISSUE WHICH, AS YOU ARE AWARE, HAS
BEEN A PERSONAL CONCERN OF MINE AS WELL.

THE PROCEDURE OF SUBMITTING NOTARIZED MARRIAGE
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PROPOSALS, ND USING REPRESENTATIVES OF THE JEWISH
COMMUNITY IN SYRIA AS INTERMEDIARIES, WAS DEVELOPED
AS AN INITIATIVE FROM THE JEWISH COMMUNITY OF SYRIAN
ORIGIN IN THE NEW YORK CITY AREA. THE MEMBERS OF THIS
COMMUNITY REMAIN ATTACHED TO THE CULTURAL TRADITIONS
OF THEIR ANCESTRAL HOMELAND. THEY USE ARABIC AND THEIR
WAY OF LIFE PARALLELS IN MANY RESPECTS THAT OF SYRIA'S

JEWISH COMMUNITY. MEMBERS OF THIS COMMUNITY HAVE MADE CLEAR TO US THEIR GREAT APPRECIATION FOR THE STEPS YOU HAVE TAKEN TO ASSURE THE WELL-BEING AND EQUAL TREATMENT OF THEIR CO-RELIGIONISTS IN SYRIA.

I AM CONFIDENT THAT, AS FURTHER MARRIAGE OR EDUCATION PROPOSALS ARE DEVELOPED IN THE FUTURE, YOU AND YOUR GOVERNMENT WILL GIVE THEM THE SAME HUMANITARIAN CONSIDERATION AS YOU HAVE IN THIS LATEST INSTANCE.

YOUR DECISION, MR. PRESIDENT, CANNOT HELP BUT STRENGTHEN THE EXISTING FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN THE SYRIAN AND AMERICAN GOVERNMENTS AND PEOPLE.

WITH WARM GOOD WISHES.

SINCERELY, (SIGNED) JIMMY CARTER

HIS EXCELLENCY
HAFIZ AL-ASSAD
PRESIDENT OF THE SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC
DAMASCUS
END QUOTE

2. 2. APPENDED IS FOLLOWING HANDWRITTEN POSTSCRIPT:
QUOTE: P.S. W WILL BE WRITING YOU SOON, PRIOR TO THE
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VISIT OF SEC. VANCE, TO OUTLINE PEACE NEGOTIATION
PROSPECTS. JC END QUOTE

3. SIGNED ORIGINAL OF LETTER BEING POUCHED TO DAMASCUS
FOR DELIVERY TO ASSAD. AT YOUR DISCRETION, YOU MAY
PROVIDE TEXT TO ASSAD PRIOR TO RECEIPT OF ORIGINAL.
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